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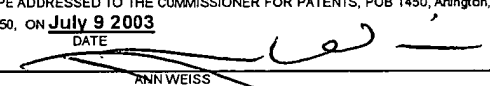
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **TECH CENTER 1600/2900**

In re application of: Lin *et al.*
Serial No. 09/837,797
Filed: April 17, 2001
For: **METHODS OF DIAGNOSING AND TREATING SMALL
INTESTINAL BACTERIAL OVERGROWTH (SIBO) AND
SIBO-RELATED CONDITIONS**

Confirmation No. 9913
Examiner: Swartz, R.P.
Unit: 1645

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2003, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before July 9, 2003, with a request for a three (3)-month extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendment and remarks.